16. Sikkim

17. Tripura

18. West Bengal.

(c) The Programme of Action of the National Policy on Educsation, 1986 envisaged that about 500 colleges should be developed as autonomous colleges in the 7th Five Year Plan.

**Anomalies in the Rate in Relief to Pensioners**

865. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious anomalies in the rate of relief allowed to Central Government Pensioners;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The present system for the grant of dearness relief to the pensioners has been introduced as a result of implementation of recommendation of the Fourth Central Pay Commission. According to this system the dearness relief is given based on 12 monthly average consumer price index over CPI 608. Neutralisation for the price rise is given 100 per cent to the pensioners drawing pension upto Rs. 1750|- p.m., 75 per cent to the pensioners drawing pension in the range of Rs. 1751| to Rs. 3000|-, 65 per cent to those pensioners who are drawing pension over Rs. 3000|-. There is no anomaly in the system for grant of dearness relief to pensioners.

**Disparities in facilities to Jawans and Officers in Defence Services**

866. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disparities in facilities provided to Jawans and Officers in defence services have increased; and

(b) if not, what are the details of the facilities provided to (i) Jawans and (ii) Officers, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) The facilities are provided to Jawans and Officers in Defence services as per the terms and conditions of their engagement. It is the intention of Government to improve the facilities provided to both the Jawans and Officers.

**Central investment in Kerala**

@867. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Investment in Kerala has dropped from 3.28 per cent in 1974 to 1.62 per cent in 1987;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the investment in the State; and

(c) if so, what are the projects proposed to be taken up in the State?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The estimates of State-wise expenditure of the central plan for the Sixth Five Year Plan and for the first three years of the Seventh Plan are indicated in the enclosed statement. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 36]. The estimates indicate that the percentage share in central investment in Kerala has gone up from 2.33 per cent during the Sixth Plan period to 2.7 per cent for the first three years (aggregate) of the Seventh Plan period.

(b) Central plan investment is made for the country as a whole keeping national priorities in view. These programmes/projects in most

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